

Predeparture Passenger Baggage Inspection Notice for Travelers from Puerto Rico to the U.S. Mainland

American agriculture is under constant threat of attack from countless enemies. These enemies are often microscopic and include exotic pests and diseases of plants and animals. Every traveler, including those going from Puerto Rico to the U.S. mainland, may unknowingly carry these hitchhikers, which could seriously damage American agriculture.

All passenger baggage traveling from Puerto Rico to the U.S. mainland is subject to inspection. These inspections are conducted by officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) prior to your departure. Please be prepared to open and close your own baggage. If you have agricultural items with you, please tell the inspector. Failure to do so can result in delays and fines of \$1,000 or more.

Agricultural Items from Puerto Rico Allowed into the Mainland (after inspection)

Allium spp. (includes onion, garlic, and chives)

Amaranth, *Amaranthus* spp. (leaf, stem)

Anise

Annona spp. (leaf)

Arracacia xanthorrhiza

Arrowroot

Artichoke, Jerusalem

Asparagus

Avocado

Balsam apple

Bamboo shoots

Banana (fruit, leaf without stalk or midrib)

Basil

Bay leaves, laurel

Beans, shelled (faba, lima, string)

Beans, in pods (faba, lima, string)—have geographic restrictions. For more information, please contact USDA's offices using the telephone numbers listed below.

Beet

Bitter melon

Brassica oleracea (includes cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kale, and collards)

Breadfruit, *Artocarpus* spp.

Breadnut

Cacao bean pod

Cannonball fruit

Cantaloupe

Carrot

Cassava

Celery

Chamomile, *Anthemis* spp.

Chayote

Chervil

Chickory

Chinese waternut

Chrysanthemum spp. (leaf, stem)

Cilantro

Citrus (grapefruit, orange, lemon, lime)

Coconut (without husk)

Collard

Corn (on the cob only)

Cornsalad, *Vallerianella* spp.

Cucumber (includes Angola cucumber, *Sicana odorata*)

Cyperus corn

Dandelion greens (leaf, stem)

Dasheen, *Colocasia*, *Caladium* spp., and

Xanthosoma spp.

Eggs

Eggplant

Endive

Ethrog (fruit)

False coriander

Fennel

Flowers (fresh, cut, or dried)

Genip

Ginger root

Gourd

Guava (leaf)

Herbs (dried or cured)

Honeydew melon

Horseradish, *Armoracia* spp.

Indigo, *Indigofera* spp.

Insects (dried or preserved)

Jackfruit

Kale

Kudzu—If not seed, tuberous roots, or stems with node (must not be capable of propagation).

Lambsquarter

Lemongrass, *Cymbopogon citratus*

Leren
 Lettuce
 Lily bulb, edible
 Lotus root
 Maguey
 Mangosteen
 Marjoram, *Origanum* spp. (leaf, stem)
 Mint, *Mentha* spp.
 Mushrooms
 Mustard greens
 Oregano, *Origanum* spp. (leaf, stem)
 Palm heart
 Papaya
 Parsley
 Parsnip
 Pepper
 Peas, *Pisum sativum* (in pod or shelled)
 Pet birds—Entry requirements vary depending on the origin of the bird. Please consult USDA-APHIS' Program Aid No. 1832, Importing a Pet Bird: Special Rules for Bringing Pet Birds of Non-U.S. Origin into the United States, (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/content/printable_version/ipdnew.pdf) for details on the entry requirements for pet birds.
 Pineapple
 Plantain (fruit, leaf without stalk or midrib)
 Plant cuttings and plants without soil
 Pokeweed greens (leaf, stem)
 Potato
 Pumpkin
 Purslane
 Radish
 Rhubarb
 Rosemary (leaf)
 Rutabaga
 St. John's bread
 Salsify
 Savoy
 Snail shells (if empty and thoroughly cleaned)
 Sorrel, *Rumex* spp.
 Spinach
 Squash
 Stinking-toe (pod)
 Strawberry
 Sweet potato (leaf only)
 Swiss chard
 Tamarind bean pods
 Taro, *Colocasia* and *Caladium* spp.
 Tarragon
 Thyme
 Tomato
 Truffle
 Turnip
 Vegetable marrow
 Water chestnut

Watercress
 Watermelon
 Yam, *Dioscorea* spp.
 Yautia (tanier), *Xanthosoma* spp.

Note: Commercially canned and thoroughly cooked foods are permitted. All permissible agricultural products are subject to inspection.

Agricultural Items from Puerto Rico Not Allowed into the Mainland

Cactus
 Citrus leaves (fresh)
 Cotton, cotton cuttings
 Fruits (fresh)—all fruits are prohibited except those on the preceding list
 Handicrafts made from Palm fronds
 Insects (live)
 Pigeon Peas (fresh)
 Plants in soil
 Seed cotton and cottonseed
 Snails (land)
 Seeds or nuts (pulpy)
 Soil
 Sugarcane
 Sweet potato
 Vegetables (fresh)—all vegetables are prohibited except those on preceding list

Additional Information

Lists are subject to change. For more information, call the USDA office at the airport:

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 Mayaguez (787) 831-3424, (787) 806-1090/1219
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